

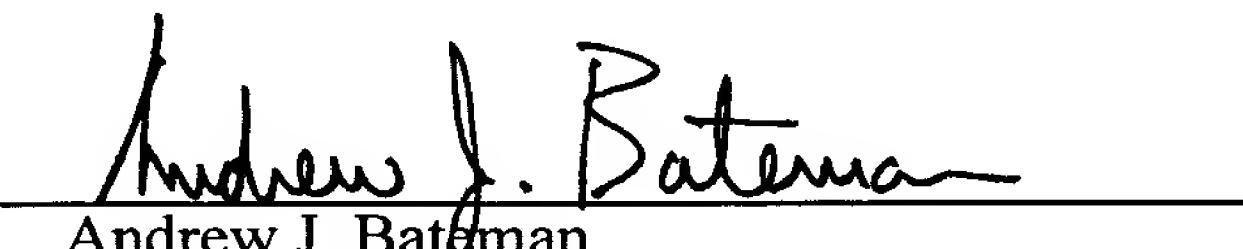
REMARKS

In the present Amendment After Allowance, allowed claims 9, 29, 46 and 66 and the specification have been amended merely to correct typographical errors to clarify the language of these claims and the specification. In particular, the "much less than" sign (i.e., "<<") has been replaced with the less than sign (i.e., "<") in the equations representing the range of values for the coefficients W_1, \dots, W_n . As one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize, a number cannot be simultaneously much greater than -1 and much less than 0. This obvious typographical error is evident in the inconsistency between the equation and the example given in the present application for the illustrative values of W_1, W_2 and W_3 . [see present application, page 9, line 2, where preferably $W_1 = -.35, W_2 = -.25$ and $W_3 = -.20$, but $-1 << W_1, \dots, W_n << 0$] Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the "much less than" signs in the equation " $-1 << W_1, \dots, W_n << 0$ " should be replaced with "less than" signs (i.e., " $-1 < W_1, \dots, W_n < 0$ ").

As the amendments to claims 9, 29, 46 and 66 and the specification are made merely to correct typographical errors, it is respectfully submitted that no additional search or examination is required. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for issuance. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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